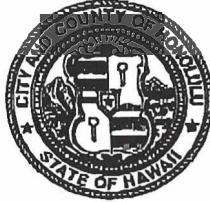


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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
State Senate
State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

Subject: SB 2350, Relating to the Deposit Beverage Container Special Fund

The Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu, strongly supports SB 2350, which would appropriate \$500,000 to be distributed to the City and County of Honolulu as a grant-in-aid to assist with litter control. The sum of \$200,000 would be appropriated to each of the other counties for the same purpose.

As one of the goals of the deposit beverage container program is to reduce litter, it seems appropriate to expend monies from this fund in support of additional litter control efforts, so long as the deposit redemption program is not jeopardized.

The City supports the efforts of volunteer community groups around the Island who continually engage in the battle against litter and dumping in our parks and streams and on our roadways. These funds could go a long way to further their efforts and to support more aggressive programs to prevent dumping, including proposals to install wireless cameras at chronic dump sites, establish physical barriers and beautify desecrated areas.

We wish to thank the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for their consideration and support of litter control programs in the City and County of Honolulu, and urge the Committee to pass SB 2350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Takamura".

Dr. Eric S. Takamura, P.E.
Director